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Dear Jerry,

You will remember that I once said I thought Georgie Pie was a friend of King's but didn't remember why this was in my mind.

There is no doubt he was sympathetic at least to the black movement in the South. This Morning's Washington Post has an editorial-page article by him titled, "Clinton 1956: The Dooming of 'Deliberate Speed'."

I think this may bear in part of his hangup. Here he is a friend of the victim of the crime and sypathetic to the black movement on the one hand and on the other hand contracted to do a book for a lot of money that will help preserve what he has to know is an entirely fictitious account of how King got killed.

This puts him in what he has to recognize as a Judas position.

Because I do not think he intends dishonesty I think it does trouble him. If he were by nature dishonest, crooked or without principle, it would not bother him in the slightest. He grab his loot and run.

Aside from anticipation of a literary disaster, I can't think of a good reason for his not having completed the book long before this.

Sincerely,